

House Resolution No. 3815

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have brought glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their spiritual leadership in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Father Philip Egan has attained considerable distinction as the pastor of Saint Monica Catholic Church in the Kansas City area, a leadership role which he will draw to a close in order to accept pastoral duties at Holy Rosary Parish in Clinton; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Air Force, Father Philip Egan served as a surgical technician at Whiteman Air Force Base in Knob Noster before entering Conception Seminary College in 1974; and

Whereas, Father Philip Egan graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1982, earned a Master's degree in divinity from Kendrick Seminary in Saint Louis, and then was ordained a Diocesan Priest on June 5, 1982, in the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph; and

Whereas, first assigned as an Associate Priest at Saint John LaLande in Blue Springs from 1982 until 1984, Father Philip Egan subsequently served at Nativity of Mary Church in Independence from 1985 to 1992 and at the predominately African-American Saint Louis Parish from 1992 to 1995; and

Whereas, Father Philip Egan then skillfully handled the merger of Church of the Risen Christ with Saint Joseph Parish, an event which was commemorated by a mass uniting the two on October 22, 1995, and which resulted in the name Saint Monica Catholic Church in honor of the first African-American mission in Kansas City built in 1910 at the same location as the combined church; and

Whereas, Father Philip Egan then oversaw Saint Monica's construction of a new sanctuary which was dedicated in October 2001; and

Whereas, on Sunday, June 26, 2005, parish members, family, and friends will gather at Saint Monica Catholic Church to give Father Philip Egan a proper sendoff to his new duties in mid-Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Father Philip Egan and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he accepts new pastoral and educational duties with Holy Rosary Parish in Clinton; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Father Philip Egan.

Offered by _____
Representative Melba J. Curls
District No. 41

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3815, adopted June 21, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker